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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I write to urge your support for AT&T's proposed acquisition of T-Mobile USA.

I am a retired teacher who had the privilege to serve 16 years in the Kansas legislature. On matters of public policy, few are closer to my heart than the education of our children.

The advent of broadband internet technology is certainly one of the most important developments in education in recent history. Students and teachers can now access information from places and at speeds we only could have dreamed about just a few decades ago. But the lack of access to broadband technology threatens to create two classes of education in our country: schools in communities that have access and those that do not.

Salina, Kansas, where I live and which I represented in the state legislature, would benefit greatly from access to the type of 4G LTE high-speed mobile broadband service that would result from the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile. For this reason, and to provide every child in rural Kansas and rural America the same educational opportunity as every other child in our country, I ask you to support the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. This merger will lead to the expansion of high-speed mobile broadband technology to over 97 percent of the country, and will have particular benefit to communities like Salina.

As you review this merger, I hope you will do so with an eye toward the benefits it will bring to schools in towns like Salina, Kansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Deena Horst". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "D" and "H".

Deena Horst
Retired State Representative, Salina